the occasion. The Six leaders decided to keep in touch for the forthcoming third special session of the UN • General Assembly on disarmament in New York in June this year. The Prime Minister of Sweden agreed to convey the Stockholm Declaration to the nuclear weapon states. The Declaration has been circulated as a UN document and also conveyed to Heads of State/Government all over the world.

Recognizing the need for the establishment of an integrated multilateral verification system within the United Nations the six decided to jointly propose, at the third UN Special Session on Disarmament this year that the UN promote the establishment of such a system.

Fall in growth rate

315. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state;

(a) what was the growth rate envisaged per year (till the end of the year 1987-88) in the Seventh Plan;

(b) what has been the short fall, if any in the growth rate in the current financial year; and

(c) what steps have been taken to make good of the fall in the growth rate of the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTT): (a) The growth rate envisaged for the Seventh Five Year Plan is 5 per cent per annum for the plan period as a whole i.e. upto 1989-90.

(b) The growth rate in the current financial year (1987-88) may be around 2 per cent because of the effects of the severe drought en agriculture. Hence, the shortfall is likely to be of the order of 3 per cent.

(c) The steps being taken to ensure aehievement of Plan targets include special efforts to expedite irrigation projects, vigorous implementation of special Programmes to increase productivity in rice production in eastern region and in oilseeds production, measures to ensure the required growth in fertilizer consumption production and distribution of seeds and generation of electricity through better performance. The Policy thrust in remaining years of the plan will be to raise the agriculture production so that overall targetted growth of 5 per cent is achieved with corresponding balance- in sectoral structure.

Pakistan's second nuclear plant near Islamabad

316. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report appearing in the "Indian Express' dated 11th January, 1988 to the effect that Pakistan is building its second Nuclear Plan near Islamabad for weapons;

(b) if so, what are the details therefor: and

(c) what are the steps Government propose to take in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) (a) and (b) Government have seen reports that/ Pakistan is setting up a uranium enrichment plant at Gotra near Islamabad.

(c) Our apprehensions about the non-peaceful dimensions of Pakistan's nuclear programme have been brought to the notice of all concerned. Government will continue to maintain a close vigil on this as well as other developments having a bearing on the country's security.